Utilisation of food subsidy for storage of foodgrains

2693. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the food subsidy during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) how much of this subsidy as a percentage is utilized for storage of foodgrain, year-wise;

(c) what is the total foodgrains stock in Government godowns at present and the stock of wheat in particular; and

(d) what is the off take of wheat and *rice* in the first nine months of the financial year 2001-2002 and how it compares with the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The amount of subsidy released by Government of India to Food Corporation of India and to the State Governments undertaking decentralized procurement of foodgrains during the last five years as well as the percentage of subsidy utilized for storage of foodgrains during these years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total subsidy	Subsidy on Storage(%)
97-98	7500.00	936.70(12.49%)
98-99	8700.00	1552.31(17.84)%
99-00	9200.00	1753.71(19.06%)
00-01	12010.00	4232.75(35.24%)
01-02	17494.00	5881.90(33.62%)

(c) The total stock of wheat and rice in Central pool as on 28.02.02 is as under:

Qty. in lakh tonnes

Wheat	284.64
Rice (including	259.68
Paddy in terms of rice)	544.32

(d) Statement showing month-wise comparative off take of wheat and rice in the first nine months (from April to December) during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 is annexed *(See* below)

Statement

Months-wise comparative off-take of wheat and rice from April to December during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

	WHEAT			RICE		
	2000-01	2001-02	Compared with 2000-01	2000-01	2001-02	Compared with 2000-01
April	210.75	936.78	726.03	625.70	692.79	67.09
May	361.69	814.11	452.42	807.27	793.37	-13.90
June	409.13	709.45	300.32	921.75	807.21	-114.54
July	385.32	597.06	211.74	841.22	883.08	41.86
August	323.01	709.31	386.30	799.55	1119.46	319.91
September	364.21	1011.00	646.79	878.38	1454.44	576.06
October	285.81	1278.42	992.61	701.24	1042 23	340.99
November	407.29	1508.59	1101.30	834.67	1211.21	376.54
December	736.83	1528.85	792.02	745.76	1317.62	571.86

(This excludes off-take under decentralized procurement scheme)

(Revised off-take during the year 2000-2001 has been indicated)